

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A punching apparatus for punching holes in an article, comprising:

a main body for receiving therein said article and configured to be depressed in a levering action to exert ~~exerting~~ a punching force on said article to punch holes;

a ~~sustaining structure~~ roller bearing for transmitting a depressing force to said main body by depressing said main body to provide said punching force in response to an external force; and

a non-linear levering rod comprising a force-receiving portion for being applied thereonto said external force, a pivot portion coupled to said main body for allowing said levering rod to pivot relative to said main body in response to said external force, a bent portion connected to said force-receiving portion and said pivot portion for keeping said force-receiving portion at a substantially horizontal level in a rest state, a depressing-force exerting portion disposed between said pivot portion and said bent portion and coupled to said ~~sustaining structure~~ roller bearing for transmitting said ~~sustaining structure~~ roller bearing to move, said non-linear levering rod transmitting said ~~sustaining structure~~ roller bearing to depress said main body while moving in response to said external force.

17. (Original) The punching apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said bent portion has a distance from said force-receiving portion farther than from said pivot portion.

18. (Currently Amended) The punching apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said ~~sustaining structure~~ roller bearing rests on said main body when no external force is exerted on said force-receiving portion.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) The punching apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said bent portion has an angle from 135 to 170 degrees.

21. (New) The punching apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said bent portion has an angle from 145 to 160 degrees.